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NEW CHINESE DEMOCRATIC YOUTH CORPS DIRECTIVE
ON HSIEH AND CH'U DELEGATES' MEETINGS

Peiping, 9 March (Hsin-hua) -- On 7 March 1950 the Central Committee of the New People's Democratic Youth Corps issued the following directive on the convening of corps delegates' meetings on the hsien and ch'u level:

The delegates' meeting of the Youth Corps on the hsien and ch'u level is the highest authority of the corps in these areas. It is responsible for investigations and decisions on the corps' work, and for democratic decisions on questions requiring immediate consideration and action with regard to the present work and expansion of the corps. It elects the corps committee, in order to strengthen leadership and advance the work of the corps. It unites the masses of the youth and expands the youth movement.

The convening of a delegates' meeting should be in accord with the actual needs of the growth of the corps work. It should be in accord with the following conditions: Hsien or ch'u should have basic cadre leadership. For the convening of a delegates' meeting on the ch'u level there should be corps cells in at least two-thirds of the villages in the ch'u, and the corps should have a positive influence among the youth masses. Under these conditions, the convening of a delegates' conference will establish the inner life of the corps and embody the spirit of democratic collectivism which is the source of life for the youth corps. If, however, the above conditions are not completely present, the delegates' meeting should not be called.

With regard to the selection of delegates, the cells in the villages are the basic election units. The number of delegates to a hsien or ch'u delegates' meeting will depend on the number of corps members in the area. In the ch'u area there may be 50 to 70 delegates. Larger ch'u may have 100 more or less. If delegates are too few, the meeting will not have sufficient spirit; if there are too many, the meeting will be unwieldy. There should be a suitable number of girl delegates among the village delegates. Delegates should be elected by the leadership cells of the hsien and ch'u committees and a suitable number of delegates should be chosen from among corps members in villages where there is no corps organization and from among forward-looking youth outside the corps. These latter should be granted the right of criticism and of offering proposals to concentrate their thinking and fully develop a democratic spirit.

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The convening of a delegates' meeting should be preceded by sufficient promotion and careful preparation; this is the first condition of a successful meeting. Prior to the conference, the parliamentary forms of such a meeting, its nature, responsibilities and functions, the delegates' qualifications, rights and responsibilities, and other such matters should be thoroughly and democratically discussed among the cell members and youth groups so that they may be prepared to offer intelligent resolutions and ideas to the conference. Hsien and ch'u leaders should carefully prepare reports and model resolutions and materials for the meeting. Before the meeting, they should invite party committeemen on the same level and corps committeemen on the next higher level to look over this material, so that mistakes of insufficient preparation and inexperienced leadership may be avoided.

The meeting should consider one or two questions of central importance in the present work of the organization, questions which urgently require solution for the benefit of the youth (such as production, study, organization, reconstruction, and corps customs). If no distinction is made between important and unimportant matters, urgent and nonurgent problems, and an attempt is made to discuss any and every question in the same meeting, the result will be a fiasco.

The meeting should fully develop the democratic spirit so that the delegates will feel free to express their ideas, and discuss questions, offer resolutions, and criticize the leaders. Delegates have the right to approve, doubt, oppose, propose, or to reserve their opinions. The principles of exalted democracy and of high-quality collectivism should be mutually integrated. The system of the minority yielding to the majority should be employed in settling questions in order to secure unified decisions. The reports rendered by the leaders should be brief, clear, and to the point. Time spent in discussion should exceed that used for reports. The chairmen should give a fair opportunity for the discussion of questions raised and ideas offered by the delegates. After unprejudiced discussion, the valuable ideas should be accepted. Unacceptable or impractical suggestions should be explained to the satisfaction of all and not merely passed over.

Before the delegates elect the corps committee there should be ample preparation and discussion. Committee members should be elected from among youth cadre, democratic women's organizations, government educational workers, cell secretaries, and teachers of repute who are corps members. The election should be carried out in an honest and orderly manner; a mere brief introduction of the matter followed by the election is insufficient. Election results should be reported to the higher level organization for approval. The meeting should charge each delegate to set the actions of the meeting before the members at home and carry them out. They should oppose a lackadaisical policy toward effectuation of the actions.

There are three stipulations for the leaders of a successful delegates' meeting to observe. The first is proper preliminary organization, the second is good leadership in the meeting, and the third is the proper carrying out of the actions of the meeting (converting the actions of the meeting into actual practice among the masses). At the same time, taking into consideration the agricultural seasons and the growth of the movement, delegates' meetings should become part of a regular program to develop democratic habits among the cadres of the corps.

In order to give the right start to the hsien and ch'u delegates' meetings, develop experience, and train cadres, committeemen of the corps on the next higher level should take the initiative in conducting the delegates' meetings in one or two hsien and ch'u, chosen for their importance, afterward, delegates' meetings may be called in other areas. According to circumstances, delegates' meetings on the ch'u level should be called first, employing the above-stated principles; then, as the corps work develops, hsien delegates' meetings may be called.

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Actions of delegates' meetings on lower levels must be approved by the corps organization on the next higher level before they are carried out. The organization on the higher level has the power of revising the actions of delegates' meetings on lower levels, or of expunging them in whole or in part.

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